

MILITARY REIGNS

THE MINING DISTRICT AT COLO. RADO UNDER STATE TROOPS

UNION MINERS BEING SENT OUT OF STATE

Seventy-Six Union Miners Deported Into Kansas—More May be Sent Out This Week—The Mining Trouble May Last For Some Time

DENVER: A week of riot and bloodshed unparalleled in the Cripple Creek mining district ended Sunday with the district still under martial law, the Citizens' alliance at Victor demanding the resignation of city and county officials, who are in sympathy with the union, and the miners themselves being forcibly deported out of the state, with orders not to return.

President Moyer of the striking federation of miners is yet held a prisoner at the military bull pen at Victor on the charge of inciting riot, the supreme court of the state having handed down a decision on his application for a writ of habeas corpus, holding that the constitution confers power on the governor to hold any insurrectionist without right to civil proceeding.

The closing of the Portland mine at Victor by Adjutant General Bell after the rioting, was important in that it was accomplished peaceably, and will doubtless result in a judicial notice being taken of the situation by the federal courts, since the Portland company is organized under Iowa laws.

"The most serious disaster of the week was the event at the Independence depot, when thirteen non-union miners were killed and many others injured by dynamite, exploded under the depot platform. The old trouble of years' standing was opened afresh, and never since the four thousand union miners went on a strike nearly a year ago has the situation been so serious.

The mine owners and citizens alliance were not only incensed toward the union, which they believe responsible for the distasteful dynamiting at Independence, but the militia was rushed into the district and at once began arresting union miners by the wholesale. Before night 175 of them were rounded up in the bull pen. During the afternoon two riots had demonstrated the intensity of public feeling, seven men had been fatally shot during an open air meeting and twenty union miners had been shot at their hall by militiamen. That night the office of the Victor Record was wrecked, presumably by union miners, for advising editorials that the strike end.

Adjutant General Bell hurried to Cripple Creek, and the Citizens' alliance at Victor forced the resignation of Sheriff Robertson, Marshal Connell and other public officers, who were led into a meeting hall, the most conspicuous articles in which were two ropes with hangman's nooses ominously adjusted.

Feeling against union men was still further increased by the finding of a bundle of marked photographs of non-union miners, whom, it was presumed, had been marked for assassination.

The deportation of union miners continued during the rest of the week, and it was announced that the district would be rid of every semblance of unionism.

Later in the week this spirit spread to other trades and professions till a general boycott was declared against all forms of union labor in the Cripple Creek district.

Governor Peabody and General Bell still hold the reins and the wisdom of martial control is being demonstrated in the gradual pacification of the disturbed elements and the cessation of rioting with deportation of miners.

EXILES FROM CRIPPLE CREEK

Several County Officers Are Sojourning in Denver

DENVER: The following Teller county officials are exiles from their homes and will not return to Cripple Creek while the military is in control, owing to reports that the citizens' committee, which is co-operating with the military, intended to force them to resign their offices:

District Judge W. P. Seeds, County Judge A. S. Frost, County Assessor P. J. DeVault, County Treasurer D. J. McNeill, County Clerk F. P. Mannix.

All of these officials, except Judge Seeds, are in Denver.

"I have not been asked for my resignation," said Judge Frost, "but I have heard that members of the mob which has taken control of the affairs of the county are fatter me, as well as the other county officers. I shall stay in Denver until after the militia has been withdrawn from the district. I have no idea of resigning, but it is impossible to do business properly and orderly in Cripple Creek under present conditions. Judge Seeds has telephoned me not to return to Cripple Creek until military rule has been abolished. The conditions in the district at present are such that I do not feel it best to hold any court there. I shall hold court here for a week for Judge Lindsey, who has gone east. It is known among all of the officials who have left Teller county that those officials who were caught there were forcibly taken before a committee and were asked to resign their offices. They were asked to sit down at a table on which two ropes with the hangman's noose tied in the ends were lying."

Judge Seeds is at present holding court in Kiowa county, and will not return to the Cripple Creek district for the present.

GIVE WAY TO OKLAHOMA

Illinois Farmers Can't Compete With Its Broom Corn Production

GUTHRIE: B. Mitchell, a broom corn magnate of Centerville, Illinois, is here looking into the culture of the crop in Oklahoma. He says the Illinois growers are viewing the increase here with alarm. Charleston, Ill., the home of Mr. Mitchell, is in the very center of the famous Illinois broom corn belt, and yet, as a result of the large growth in Oklahoma, the acreage there this year, he says, has greatly diminished, as farmers say they cannot compete with the Oklahoma product.

"I was told," he said, "that Woods, one of your western counties, raised as much broom corn last year as the entire state of Illinois, and I was inclined to doubt the statement until I looked up the matter and found that this county was six or eight times as large as Coles, my home county, which is credited with being the banner county of Illinois. The Oklahoma product is put on the market at a so much lower price that our farmers simply cannot compete with the western fellows. Our land is so expensive, while yours is so cheap, that I expect the farmers back there will have to take up some other crop."

The growing of broom corn in Oklahoma, however, is not confined to Woods county alone. It is rapidly becoming the staple crop for Garfield, Grant, Beaver, Dewey, Comanche and Kiowa, and the acreage this year is fully 25 per cent more than in former years. In 1900 only the states of Illinois, Missouri and Kansas surpassed Oklahoma in the production of broom corn, and since that time the territory has forged ahead of all of these states.

Stop Gambling

OKLAHOMA CITY: County Attorney Ralph Ramer issued an order closing all gambling houses and questionable resorts in the city. The Sunday closing of saloons is also included in his edict.

NEWS OF THE NEW STATE

Items Concerning People and Places in what now Comprises the Domains of Oklahoma and Indian Territories.

NEW OATH REQUIRED

Federal Officials Must Swear That They Are Not Interested in Land

MUSKOGEE: The 200 employees in the government offices have received notice from the chairman of the commission calling their attention to the provision in the Indian appropriation bill which provides that after the first of July each employee must make oath that he is not connected with any company dealing in Indian lands, or is not dealing in town lots before he can draw his pay. There are few of the employees of the government who have been here any length of time who have not bought town lots, and a great many of them have bought Indian lands and hold stock in trust and investment companies. This also applies to the commissioners themselves as well as most of the Indian office officials.

Consensus of opinion among the employees is to stand pat on their rights. There is talk of the employees joining in a letter addressed to the commissioners asking what they intend to do with their holdings. The employees are likely to follow suit.

Comanche's Cotton Crop

LAWTON: Cotton in this section is showing up exceptionally well, and while early in the season for forecasts, it is confidently asserted that the banner crop for Comanche county will be raised this year. The acreage has been materially increased over that of last year. The largest single field belongs to the Rev. W. W. Webb, an ex-Confederate, a republican and a Methodist minister. He, together with his sons and a grandson, are cultivating a field of 150 acres, and declare it should yield over a bale to the acre.

Katy Files Suit Against Bondsmen

SHAWNEE: The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company has filed suit against the seventy bondsmen who guaranteed the payment for the right of way through this city when the road was about to be built. The greater part of the money was raised by note, but this bond was put up, signed by business men to secure the road in the collection of the notes, several thousand dollars being unpaid. The road now being in operation, the suit has been brought to force payment of the bonus. It will be settled without trial.

Highway Robber Convicted

ARDMORE: In the United States court here Bill Poe, charged with highway robbery, was convicted soon after the crime was committed. His alleged accomplice, Sloan, was shot by a posse and afterward died here. Poe is well known throughout the southwest.

Elk City Bank Sold

GUTHRIE: From Elk City is reported the sale of the Elk City National bank to the National Bank of Commerce of Oklahoma City, and the latter's officers are now in control. The national bank examiner is reported to have found the Elk City institution in good condition. D. A. Mayer and J. N. Cook of Elk City remain as directors under the new regime.

A Langston Attorney Shot

LANGSTON: A. L. Ayers, an attorney of Langston, while in attendance at a council meeting here, was shot by an unknown person. During the progress of the meeting Mr. Ayers stepped to the door of the council chamber, and had no more than opened it when a shot rang out in the darkness, and without a word Mr. Ayers reeled and fell. It is not known whether Mr. Ayers' injury will prove fatal.

THEY ARE GOOD GUNNERS

Two Boys From Kay County, O. T., in Uncle Sam's Service

NEWKIRK: Kay county is exceptionally proud of two of her sons, who are in the navy and the coast guards. C. W. Johnston, son of John Johnston, a farmer living on Duck creek, is a member of the coast artillery, at Fort Wright, Fisher's Island, New York harbor, and he recently broke the record in long distance shooting. He is the gunner in charge of the 16-inch gun recently installed at that point, and a few days ago, while at practice hit the target at a distance of twenty miles.

Jacob Critz, whose father lives in Blackwell, is a gunner on the new battleship Maine. While at practice recently he hit the target, 1,600 yards distant, eight times out of eight shots while the ship was running at the rate of twelve knots an hour.

SIX WERE DROWNED

Negro and His Five Children Overturned in Deep Water

MUSKOGEE: Alfred A. Lee, a freedman and his five children were drowned in a slough filled with back water from the Arkansas, which is very high. Taylor lived in this city and had a farm in the Arkansas river bottoms. He started with his children to work in the fields, and drove into the slough not knowing how deep it was. The wagon was overturned in fifteen feet of water and all were drowned. Laborers in fields nearby rushed to the assistance of the Lees, but were too late to save them. All the bodies were recovered and were brought here. Lee was about 50 years old and the children drowned ranged from 5 to 15 years of age.

Negro Chased Out of Madill

ARDMORE: Trouble between whites and negroes at Madill, caused by a negro knocking on the door of a white woman's house, terminated by the whites running the negroes from the town. Twenty or more armed citizens went to the negro houses, shot through the houses and frightened the negroes away. A negro woman named Bonner returned the fire, wounding an unknown white man in the thigh. District Attorney Johnson says he will thoroughly investigate the matter and thoroughly prosecute the wrongdoers.

Injunction Is Dissolved

SHAWNEE: District Judge Burwell has rendered a decision dissolving an injunction against the commissioners of this county which enjoined them from paying \$3,500 to an expert who recently completed a nine months' investigation of the county records for the past seven years. The expert found that \$20,000 had been paid illegally in fees to various officers, and suit will be brought to collect from those who have not already settled with the treasurer. The injunction was brought by parties affected by the investigation, and the dissolution in effect confirms the legality of the investigation.

Young Woman Suicides

PERRY: As the result of disappointment in a love affair Blanche Ditto committed suicide. She was the daughter of J. D. Ditto, a prominent farmer living seven miles southeast of this city. She was twenty years of age. At a dance she quarreled with her sweetheart, a young man living in Perry. She then went to a drug store and purchased an ounce of laudanum. She was discovered lying in her bed unconscious and in a dying condition. A doctor was summoned, but could render no assistance.